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Department of Physical Therapy and Rehabilitation Science

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The Chairs' Chatter

Greetings!

As we say good-bye to Summer,
welcome some great new additions to
PTRS!!



Read on for news and updates.

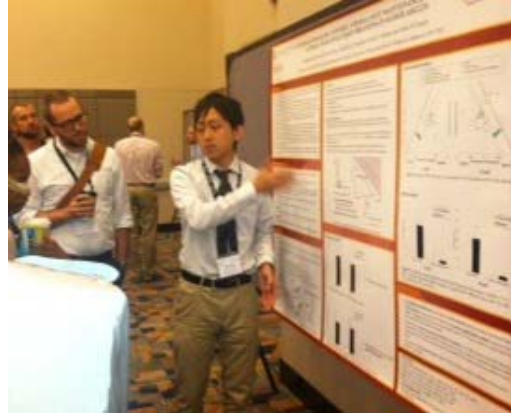
Mark & Mary

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Department News



37th Annual Meeting of the American Society of Biomechanics



Masa Fujimoto, Post-Doctoral Fellow in our University of Maryland Advanced Neuromotor Rehabilitation Research Training (UMANRRT) Program, presented last week at the American Society of Biomechanics (ASB) conference in Omaha, NE.

His thematic poster presentation was entitled, "Center of pressure control for balance maintenance during lateral waist-pull perturbations in older adults"

Proceedings from the ASB conference are located on the shared "V" drive in the Research folder.



Please welcome Alex and Brian to PTRS!

Alexandra (Alex) Cirillo is our newest Clinical Research Assistant. Alex completed her Masters of Public Health in Epidemiology from University of Michigan in May and is now working with our research team. Her office is room 108.



Our new PhD student, **Brian Johnson**, comes to us via the University of Wisconsin at Milwaukee, where he earned his M.S. degree in occupational therapy this past spring. Assistant Professor, Kelly Westlake, is his primary advisor.



"Shared Vision 2020 for UM Medicine"



Professor Mary Rodgers, PT, PhD, FAPTA, FASB, George R. Hepburn Dynasplint Professor and Vice-Chair, has been appointed by the School of Medicine's Dean Reece to the Finance and Philanthropy Resource Advisory Group. The group will work collaboratively with SOM, UMMS, MAA, and others to review and then execute specific Vision 2020 goals.



Publication News



The article "Workshop on using natural language processing applications for enhancing clinical decision making: An executive summary in *JAMIA*" was featured on www.MDLinx.com site last week. Professor **Mary Rodgers** is a co-author on this article.

Associate Professor Emeritus, **Gadi Alon**, PT, PhD recently had two papers accepted for publication:

Alon G, Embrey DG, Brandsma BA, Stonestreet J. Comparing four electrical stimulators with different pulses properties and their effect on the discomfort and elicited Dorsiflexion. *International J Physiotherapy Res* 2013 (in press).

Alon G. Functional Electrical Stimulation (FES): Transforming Clinical Trials to Neuro-Rehabilitation Clinical Practice- A Forward Perspective. *J Novel Physiotherapies* 2013 (in press).

Announcements



UM Ventures Innovation Series

JHUAPL Renowned Expert Mike McLoughlin on Robotic Prosthesis

Thursday, September 19, 2013

5:30 PM

BioPark Conference Center (801 W. Baltimore Street)

The speaker this time will be Michael McLoughlin, a Faculty member in the Applied Physics Laboratory of Johns Hopkins University and a renowned expert on Robotics. His talk is entitled "Robotic Prosthesis: Implications and Applications in post-traumatic and post-stroke patients". His work was recently featured on "60 Minutes".

The goal of the series is to stimulate conversations and interactions between engineers and health care faculty and students and this talk will be a perfect example of how we can

do that. The Maryland Innovation Initiative (MII) is eager to solicit new ideas, new inventions, new procedures, new software and new collaborations on topics at the intersection of engineering and medicine and provides funding to demonstrate "proof of principle", with the hope that this can lead to start-ups or licensing opportunities that can ultimately help to improve care of our patients. Attend to learn more.

Program in Aging Seminar
Wednesday, September 25, 2013
4:30-5:30pm

Allied Health Building Auditorium
100 Penn Street: Room 219



Featuring: Alan Jette, PhD, PT
Director, Health & Disability Research Institute
School of Public Health
Boston University, Medical Campus
"Future Directions in Preventing Late-Life Disability"

Reminders



The American Society of Neurorehabilitation (ASNR) is still accepting abstract submissions for its upcoming annual meeting in San Diego, CA (November 7-8, 2013). **The abstract submission deadline has been extended to Sept. 15, 2013.**

For additional details, please visit:

<http://www.asnr.com/i4a/pages/index.cfm?pageid=1>

Have news to share?

Please send all updates and pictures to Alex Ganzermiller, Director of Alumni Relations and Development aganzermiller@som.umaryland.edu. We ask that you send Alex your update by Monday at 5 PM for that week's issue, otherwise it will be included in the following week.

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